

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the application. Claims 4-10, 19, 20 and 39-45 were withdrawn. Claims 21-37 are allowed. Claims 1-3, 11 and 38 are rejected. Claims 12-18 are objected to.

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 21-37 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 38.

Claims 1-20 and claims 39-45 are canceled without prejudice to the applicant's right to pursue these claims in a continuing or divisional application.

Claims 34 and 38 are amended in this response.

The applicant further notes that the restriction as to the inventions identified in the Restriction Requirement as inventions I (claims 2-3, 11-20, 22 and 30-38) and III (claims 23-29) should be withdrawn, as linking claim 21 was allowed in the Office Action.

The applicant has made minor amendments to the specification hereinabove to correct misspellings in the specification. No new matter is added by these amendments.

In the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, on page 4, paragraph 9 the disclosure was objected to on the grounds that certain elements shown in certain drawings lacked a proper written description. By the foregoing amendments to the specification the applicant has provided a proper written description for each of the elements identified by the examiner. No new matter is added by the amendments. Support for the amendments can be found in the drawings as originally filed.

In the Office Action on page 5, paragraph 10 the drawings were objected to because element 10, disclosed on page 4 of the specification, was not illustrated. In response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d) the applicant encloses a substitute drawing page

containing FIG. 1 showing the proposed changes in red. The change to the drawing adds the number 10 corresponding to element 10, referring to a lateral transfer retroreflector, disclosed on page 4 in the specification. The amendment to the drawing adds no new matter and is supported by the specification at page 4, lines 17-20.

The amendment to claim 34 is made to correct misspelling of the word “plain” to “plane” and not for reasons of patentability. No new matter is added by this amendment.

In the Office Action on page 2, paragraph 3, the Examiner rejected claim 38 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In response to the suggestion of the Examiner the applicant has amended claim 38 to properly depend from claim 37, thereby curing the lack of antecedent basis. The applicant respectfully submits claim 38 is now in condition for allowance.

For all the foregoing reasons, the Applicant submits that a Notice of Allowance be issued as to claims 21-38. Early action toward this end is earnestly solicited.

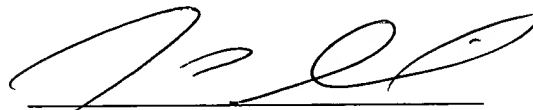
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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite any detail of the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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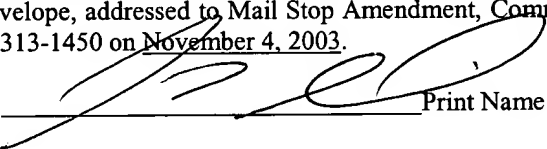
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